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SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY VISITORS TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THE SAUDI MILITARY CIRCUIT HAS BEEN OVERLOADED WITH HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS FROM THE U.S. BOTH CIVILIAN AND UNIFORMED. WE HAVE IN THE PAST WELCOMED SUCH VISITORS IN THE COUNTRY AS A MEANS OF INCREASING THEIR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH SAUDI ARABIAN PROBLEMS AND AS MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING TO THE SAG OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN OUR MILITARY RELATIONSHIP.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE VERY FEW PEOPLE IN THE SAUDI DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT WHO HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE DECISIONS ON MATTERS OF ANY IMPORTANCE. THEREFORE, ALMOST ALL OF OUR HIGH-LEVEL MILITARY VISITORS WANT TO SEE THE SAME FEW PEOPLE. THE RESULT OF LATE HAS BEEN THAT EVERY VISITOR HAS BEEN DILUTING THE ATTENTION AVAILABLE TO THE NEXT HIGH-LEVEL VISITOR FOLLOWING CLOSELY ON HIS HEELS. (AN ADDITIONAL AND PERNICIOUS RESULT OF VISITS IN SUCH PROFUSION, IS THAT INSTEAD OF BEING A FACTOR SUPPORTING AND IMPROVING THE RELATIONS OF CHUSMTM BG AHMANN WITH THE SAG, THEY TEND TO UNDERMINE SAUDI CONFIDENCE IN HIM AS THE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR DEALINGS WITH THE USG ON MILITARY SUPPLY AND TRAINING MATTERS. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR OTHER MILITARY PROGRAMS.)

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3. ACCORDINGLY, I REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM DOD AND EUCOM (BY CHANGE TO THE FOREIGN AREA CLEARANCE GUIDE IF APPROPRIATE) THAT ALL VISITS BY GENERAL OFFICERS TO SAUDI ARABIA WILL HENCEFORTH BE APPROVED PERSONALLY BY ME AND THAT EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE EMERGENCY IS EVIDENT, I DO NOT EXPECT TO APPROVE ANY MORE VISITS PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE--TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER--IN ORDER TO ENSURE AN APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION FOR SECRETARY RUMSFELD IF HE IS ABLE TO COME HERE.

4. DEPARTMENT REMOVE STADIS CAPTION AT ITS DISCRETION.  
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